

Retired Navy Capt. Dave Fitch became the Executive Director, Curricula Development and Support Center, effective April 9, 2001. Prior to his retirement from military service on Oct. 1, 1998, Fitch served as Program Manager of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS), a Packard Award-winning program. Fitch joins DAU after three years in private industry with Rockwell-Collins in Rosslyn, Va.

Retired Navy Cmdr. Jill Garzone rejoined the University as the DAU Registrar, Administration and Services, effective June 4, 2001. Prior to her retirement from active duty in March 2001, Garzone was the Director of Services and Security for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington D.C. She first joined the Defense Systems Management College staff in October 1994 and remained Director of Human Resources and Administration until her reassignment to the Pentagon in September 1998.

Jerry Guiton became the DAU Chief Financial Officer, effective Aug. 26, 2001. Guiton joined the University staff in 1994 as a Budget Analyst. Prior to joining DAU, he was a budget analyst with the Defense Logistics Agency. Guiton began his federal career in 1988.

Linda S. Perry joined the DAU staff as the Executive Secretary to the President, effective Sept. 10, 2001. Perry comes to the University from Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va., where she served as the Executive Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Readiness from March 1999 to September 2001.

Armey Lt. Col. Justin Porto became the DAU Information Systems Director, Administration and Services, effective July 1, 2001. Porto comes to the University from the Software Engineering Center – Belvoir, where he served as Director of the Executive Systems Software Directorate.

Navy Cmdr. David T. Pearson became the Military Assistant and Executive Officer, Office of the President, effective Sept. 10, 2001. Pearson comes to the University from the Navy's Undersea Weapons Program Office, where he served as the Director of Navy Torpedo Testing and Lightweight Torpedo Fleet Readiness Officer.

Defense Procurement Acquisition Exchange Program

On Oct. 30, Deidre Lee, the Director of Defense Procurement, was pleased to announce the first group of Defense Procurement Acquisition Exchange Program (AEP) participants. This initial group included Tammy Bair (Army), Rex Elliott (NASA), Mariah Houton (Air Force), Patricia Kobus (DCMA), Terry Moore (DCMA), Karen Petering (Air Force), and Barbara Thompson (Navy). They will arrive over the next several months and will undertake challenging projects supporting the mission of the Office of the Director of Defense Procurement.

The AEP is intended to provide a unique developmental experience

for high-caliber individuals in the acquisition and acquisition-related career fields. The selected individuals will be afforded opportunities to enhance their acquisition and senior-level policy skills and to prepare themselves for future challenging positions within the acquisition community.

An AEP announcement will be made at least once a year with specific projects developed by the Defense Procurement staff. Future opportunities will be posted on the Defense Procurement Web site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp>. For additional information on the program, contact Phil Degen at 703-697-8334 or e-mail philip.degen@osd.mil.

Send Us Your Suggested Research Topics

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) is soliciting input from the Acquisition Workforce (AWF) for suggested research topics or issues to assist the AWF in achieving their short- and long-range mission goals and objectives. If you have a suggested research topic, please contact Dr. James Dobbins, DAU Director of Research, at jim.dobbins@dau.mil, or call 703-805-5416.